



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes - FINAL
August 11, 2016**

Members Present: Mina Liebert, Gary Feffer, Charles Castle (arrived at 8:35 a.m.), Ron Ilgen, Jason Rupinski, Hank Scarangella, Gary Bostrom, and Carol Beckman

Members Absent: Scot Hume

Alternates Present: Charlie Dunn

Alternates Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Karen Palus, Chris Lieber, Kurt Schroeder, Kim King, Christi Mehew

Called to Order: Mina Liebert brought the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

- Mina Liebert introduced Carol Beckman as a new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member.
- The Closed Executive session will not be occurring today.

Citizen Discussion

Alia Rieker (Pikes Peak Pickleball Association) A check was presented for \$4,000 towards the Monument Valley Pickleball Courts. The Grand Opening Celebration will be held on August 29th and invitations were distributed to Board members. The Great Plains Regional Tournament begins on Tuesday, September 6th at Monument Valley Park. The tournament consists of 352 registered participants among 24 states along with Canada and Mexico represented. The Pikes Peak Pickleball Association Donation Summary was distributed.

Mickey Simpson (Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon) The Pioneers Museum special exhibit opens this Saturday celebrating 60 years of history of the Pikes Peak Marathon. Please join us for a reception tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. for a preview of the exhibit. The 2nd Pikes Peak Run Fest is next Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Alamo Plaza Park. The 61st running of the Pikes Peak Marathon and Ascent will be held next weekend. Thank you to the Pikes Peak Highway staff and the Parks Department for closing the Incline for these events.

Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2016

- Jack “Galvan’s” name is spelled incorrectly. The correct spelling is “Glavan”. Jason Rupinski’s name needs to be changed from “Members present” to “Members Absent”.

Motion – To approve the July 14, 2016 minutes with the changes above included.

1st – Hank Scarangella, 2nd – Ron Ilgen, Approved – Unanimous

Action Item

1. Colorado Springs Utilities – Utility Access at University Village (Presented by Chris Lieber, Park Development Manager)

[Link to PowerPoint presentation](#)

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has received a request from Colorado Springs Utilities for a public utility corridor across the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail at North Nevada Avenue and University Village. The proposed public utility corridor is necessary for the construction of underground utilities to benefit the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) and other developments along the corridor. If approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Park staff will pursue an Executive Agreement with Colorado Springs Utilities for use of this corridor.

Hank Scarangella expressed concern about the legal description of the property and Chris Lieber committed to checking the description.

Motion – To approve the request from Colorado Springs Utilities for a public utility corridor across the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail at North Nevada Avenue and University Village.

1st – Gary Bostrom, 2nd – Gary Feffer, Approved - Unanimous

*The following items were presented due to the late arrival of presenters for the Legacy Loop Update.

4. Manitou Incline – Phase II Update (Presented by Sarah Bryarly, Landscape Architect)

- The Incline will be closed for construction on August 22nd as well as August 20th – 21st for the Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon.
- Construction will include: securing the ties; securing drainage to protect the pipeline and trail; building rock retaining walls and increasing the number of chases to reduce erosion.
- FEMA, along with a State match, will fund this project.
- Timberline Landscaping is the contractor for this project
- The Incline will reopen on November 20th.

Bill Koerner – Confirmed the Incline will be closed the entire time for the Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon. Closure signs will be displayed. The top of the trail is getting bad in many places. Sarah Bryarly stated the challenge is the connector trail which has erosion. Repairs will be made and additional fencing will be added while the Incline is closed.

Staff Reports

3. Pickleball Update (Presented by Steve Bodette, Capital Project Coordinator)

- New Pickleball courts are being constructed at Monument Valley Park.
- Courts are funded by a private donor, TOPS and the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association.
- The project includes: removal of lights; demolition of existing courts; hazardous tree removal; installation of new post tension concrete slabs; fencing installed; leveling of

concrete along with two coats of primer and paint and walkways to connect from the west side of the park to the courts.

- 15 pickleball courts will be completed. Tennis courts are not provided at this location within the park; however, two public tennis courts are available on Uintah Avenue adjacent to Colorado College.

Presentations

1. Legacy Loop Update (Presented by Sarah Bryarly, Landscape Architect)

[Link to PowerPoint presentation](#)

The PowerPoint presentation included: project parameters; schedule; goals; public outreach; legacy plaza design concept; creek access; theming; wayfinding; and information regarding the Greenway Fund.

- The following partners are involved in this project: Kevin Shanks and Sarah Moll (THK Consultants), Rich Wray (Kiowa Engineering), Monica Ramey (Lisa Bachman PR), Steve Rothstein (Greenway Fund), Marty Gregg (Art House).
- A map was shown displaying the location of the Legacy Loop Gateway.
 - The site is flat and 16 feet above the creek and has great views.
 - A structure will be built to go over the start and finish line of the trail.
 - A parking lot will be constructed and restrooms and a storage facility will be considered.
 - The facility will be used for many City events.
- Funding will occur in phases.
- The public has expressed interest in displaying the history of different areas and neighborhoods.

Discussion included:

- The use of concrete versus soft surface trails due to low maintenance, longevity and its ability to be used by a variety of users.
- The \$1,000,000 grant will fund the basic infrastructure, grading and paving.
- GOCO's objective is for the City to provide the trails, parking and access to the trails.
- The Parks Department will control the property through an executive agreement.
- Common signage to create the identity of the Legacy Loop.
- Concerns that the area is a transient corridor.
- Monument Creek access areas.
- Mile markers staying intact.
- Restrooms are under consideration and port-a-lets will be used in the meantime.
- Connecting the trails to waterways.
- Opportunities for nearby business to invest and help pay for the project.
- The lack of signage of trails in the City and difficulty of navigation.
- Creek Week assists with clean-up of the Greenway and will be held the beginning of October.
- Collecting water is now legal and water barrels can be bought from the Greenway Fund.

Bill Koerner – This project is an opportunity to provide accessibility and has helped to form great partnerships. Congratulations to the City and all partners.

2. Gateway at Boulder Crescent – Michelson Property (Presented by Chris Lieber, Park Development Manager & John Olson, Altitude Land Company, Urban Designer)

[Link to PowerPoint presentation](#)

The PowerPoint presentation included: a map of the property, existing conditions, previous and current master plans, and design considerations/precedence.

- Three parcels were bequeathed to the City in 2003 and became extensions of Monument Valley Park.
- These parcels can be the gateway into Downtown Colorado Springs and connect with the Legacy Loop.
- Ideas include tying in the history of the area, creating seating and pathways, bike repair stations and sculpture gardens.

Announcements

Karen Palus

- A handout was distributed regarding the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department mission.
- Wednesday, August 24th is the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and TOPS Working Committee Orientation Day. The day will begin at 8:00 am and consist of staff presentations and a bus tour to various sites. Please RSVP.
- Thursday, August 25th at 7:30 a.m. the Pioneers Museum will be hosting the Gift of History Breakfast at the Antlers Hotel.
- Thursday, August 25th the City Auditorium will have a ribbon cutting to celebrate the construction of the new restrooms.
- Monday, August 29th at 9:00 a.m. the Monument Valley Park Pickleball courts ribbon cutting will be held.
- Tuesday, August 30th the Rocky Mountain Field Institute will be the featured charity at Bristol Brewing Company's Karma Hour from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- September 2nd – 5th is the Labor Day Lift Off event held at Memorial Park. Please contact Karen Palus for tickets if you are interested in attending.
- Wednesday, September 7th the "Springs in Bloom" Award Picnic will be held at America the Beautiful Park at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 7th the Joint City Council and Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 8th the "2016 State of the City" event will take place at the Broadmoor with Mayor John Suthers as the keynote speaker.

Board Business

Mina Liebert – The LART meeting last month was cancelled and a meeting will be held this afternoon.

Gary Feffer – A vast amount of dog feces exists on High Drive.

Charles Castle

- Inquired about the Meadows Community Center and the City Auditorium project progress. Kurt Schroeder stated Meadows Community Center's parking lot is currently being paved and sealed and contractors are being selected for the roof repair. Kim King stated the Meadows Park Community Center remodel starts this week and the roof is going out to bid next week. Cameras are installed and the security system is operable.
- Requested to be a part of the Ivywild Meadows Park development area meetings with Chris Lieber as they are applying for a Kaiser grant through CONO (Council of Neighbors and Organizations). Chris Lieber stated developers are working on improvements between Tejon and South Nevada. Developers are bringing in individual development plans and public meetings will be held as a part of the process. Please attend the public meetings and feel free to bring concerns and suggestions forward.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:03 a.m.

1st – Gary Bostrom, 2nd – Ron Ilgen, Approved – Unanimous